

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Embassies, High Commissions, Consulates of India in different countries and the total amount of expenditure incurred on these diplomatic agencies in different countries during the year 2001 - 2002 ;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to upgrade any Consulate to Embassy or High Commission during the year 2002-2003 ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) The total number of Indian Missions/Posts including Embassies/High Commissions/ Consulate Generals and special Missions functioning abroad as on date is 158 and the total expenditure on India's Missions/Posts abroad, in the Financial Year 2001-2002 is Rs. 730 crores as per Revised Estimate (RE).
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.